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FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Specialist Ryan J. Offutt, an infantryman assigned to 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, was sentenced to reduction in rank to E-1, confinement for 6 months and a bad conduct discharge for hazing and maltreating Pvt. Danny Chen in Afghanistan in October 2011.

Offutt's defense presented the government with a plea bargain where he pled guilty to violating a general regulation forbidding hazing and a maltreatment charge. In return the government dismissed the charge of negligent homicide and reckless endangerment.

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